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AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UT, UN

SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN AND INCB VISIT

REF: ANKARA 1796

1. DITTERT WAS INFORMED MARCH 11 BY FIRST SECRETARY OF TURKISH MISSION (KIRCA WAS OUT OF TOWN) THAT GOT AGREES TO GREENFIELD/ DITTERT VISIT TO ANKARA. DATES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED, PROBABLY MARCH 12, FOLLOWING KIRCA'S RETURN TO GENEVA. WE HAVE URGED THAT VISIT TAKE PLACE SOONEST AND DITTERT HAS OBTAINED GREENFIELD'S ASSENT TO SCHEDULING VISIT AT EARLIEST DATES ACCEPTABLE TURKISH AUTHROITIES, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF END THIS WEEK.

2. DITTERT IS NOW ASSEMBLING DATA AND PREPARING ARGUMENTATION FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT PERSUADE THEM MAINTAIN OPIUM BAN. IN THIS CONNECTION HE BELIEVES THAT ONE POINT INCB MAY BE ASKED TO ADDRESS IS BASIS OF CONTENTION THAT HIGH PROPORTION OF HEROIN WHICH FOUND ITS WAY TO NORTH AMERICA PRIOR TO INSTITUTION OF BAN WAS PROCESSED FROM OPIUM OF TURKISH ORIGIN. DITTERT NOTES THERE IS MUCH HE AND GREENFIELD CAN SAY ON THIS SUBJECT BASING THEMSELVES ON INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE OFFICIAL

STATISTICS. HOWEVER, HE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE INFO AS TO HOW THIS QUESTION WAS ADDRESSED AT TIME USG WAS ENGAGED IN EFFORTS PERSUADE TURKS TO INSTITUTE THE BAN. HE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO SPECIAL POINTS INCB MIGHT MAKE. HE HAS BEEN BRIEFED

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ON EXCELLENT ARGUMENTATION USED BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER IN HIS RECENT

TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER.

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